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In re Application of)

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For: METHOD FOR DEPLETING SPECIFIC)
NUCLEIC ACIDS FROM A MIXTURE)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4
of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.